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1. (Three Times Amended) A box blank formed from a plastics material and comprising a net of hinge elements of a first plastics material and a plurality of panels of a second plastic material for forming sides of a box, the panels being located in spaces between surrounding hinge elements of the net and fused to the surrounding hinge elements.

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2. (Once Amended) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the net of hinge elements is formed from a first plastics material having a greater toughness but less rigidity than the second plastics material forming the panels.

3. (Once Amended) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the net of hinge elements and panels are formed from plastics materials belonging to the same family of compounds.

4. (Once Amended) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the net of hinge elements is formed from rubber-modified polypropylene.

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6. (Once Amended) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the net of hinge elements is formed from a plastics material having a lower melt index than the plastics material from which the panels are formed.

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9. (Three Times Amended) A box blank comprising a plurality of panels connected by and fused to a net of hinge elements, the panels including structural panels for forming the sides of a box and load bearing panels, the load bearing panels being connected to the structural panels by hinge elements formed not perpendicular to the intended direction of load support provided by the load bearing panels, the panels and the net of hinge elements being formed from plastics.